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23. (New) The system for distributing music as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said computer-based recording, storage and playback station further includes digital content/programming transmission links including one or more selected from the group comprising: cable, optical fiber, DSL and Internet connections.--

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REMARKS


It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-identified application prior to examination.

By means of the present Preliminary Amendment, new claims 2-23 have been added to more fully claim the subject matter disclosed in the present application. Particularly, new claims 2-9 are dependent upon independent method Claim 1 and claims 10-23 are directed to aspects of the system depicted in Figures 11-13 and aspects of the central controller. Care has been taken to ensure no new matter is being entered.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the prosecution of this case, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at (516) 742-4343.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of distributing music to customer households comprising the steps of:

blanket transmitting a plurality of music selections to customer households by a broadcast transmission system; [direct broadcast satellite (DBS) at data transmission rates faster than real time;]

providing each customer household with information identifying available music selections that will be transmitted;

[permitting] enabling each customer household to preselect and record desired music selections in a conventional [compact disc (CD)] format;

permitting each customer household to permanently select recorded music selections that the customer wishes to maintain for unrestricted playback;

communicating permanent selection information from each customer household to a central controller system; and

billing customer households for the recorded music selections that are permanently selected.